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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/019,817	05/13/2002	Jacques Edouard Germond	112843-039	9937

TITLE OF INVENTION: EXPRESSION CONSTRUCTS USING LACTOBACILLUS DELBRUECKII SUBSP. LACTIS LAC REPRESSOR PROTEIN AND ITS LAC REPRESSOR BINDING SITE, MICROORGANISMS AND METHODS THEREOF

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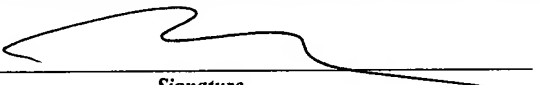
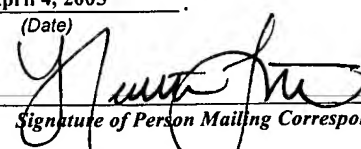
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